

4 DEAD, 11 HURT AS TRAINS CROWDED BRUCK

Mueller Forms Cabinet at Berlin; Rebels Renew Wesel Siege, Hurl Back Ebert Troops

WOMAN IS HURLED TO DEATH IN CRASH AS PANIC REIGNS

Failure of Brakes on Bus Held Cause of 63d and Eastwick Avenue Tragedy

SURVIVOR TELLS HORRORS OF RESCUING WOUNDED

Driver Steers Machine Into Post in Vain Effort to Avert Smashup

Coroner Blames Driver of Bus for Accident

After visiting the scene of the wreck, Coroner Knight said that from the testimony of eyewitnesses, including the watchman at the crossing and the engineer of the train, the crash was due to "the carelessness and negligence of Green, the driver of the bus."

Three men and a woman were instantly killed and eleven persons injured, several seriously, when a Reading passenger train sidwiped an autobus of the Atlantic Refining Co. at Sixty-third street and Eastwick avenue at 7:20 o'clock this morning.

The crash is said to have been caused by failure of the brakes on the motorbus and the slippery condition of the down grade approach.

The dead were:
May M. Hackney, twenty-four years old, 517 Irving street; thrown under the train.
Francis C. Hill, twenty-one years old, 5230 Larchwood avenue.
J. DeWitt, forty-five years old, 6411 Grays avenue.
Robert Love, forty years old, 5330 Greenway avenue.
The injured are:

St. Agnes' Hospital
Eva C. Worth, 4632 Westminister avenue, condition serious.
Ruth Thompson, 215 North Fifty-second street; condition serious.

In Atlantic Refining Co. Dispensary
Eugene Green, a negro, driver of the truck, 5740 Vine street; condition serious.
Frank Townsend, nineteen years old, 5906 Washington avenue; injured about the chest.
William Stevenson, address unknown; condition of shoulder.

At the crowded bus reached a steep down grade at the northern approach of the grade crossing it began to gain momentum. Survivors say it was going about twenty-five miles an hour.

When the bus was twenty-five feet from the southbound track Green glanced to the left. He saw the locomotive of the passenger train loom from around a large brick building, which obscures the tracks fifty feet from the crossing.

Brakes Fail to Hold Car
Green shoved on the emergency brakes, but the heavy car, which had gained unusual momentum, did not react.

There were two men on the seat with
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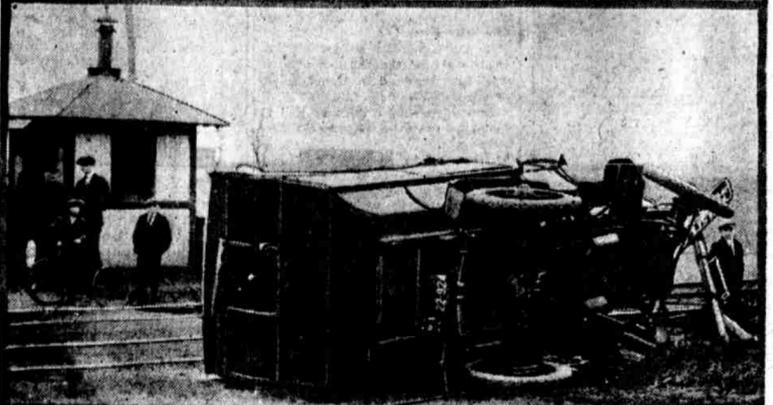
SAVE BIDDLE'S SIGHT
Youngest Son of Major Recovering From Operation on Eye

Livingston L. Biddle, 24, youngest son of Major Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, is recovering from an operation performed ten days in Washington to prevent the loss of sight of his left eye. Eye specialists who performed the operation said today that Mr. Biddle's condition was encouraging. At no time did Mr. Biddle go totally blind, nor was his life in danger, it was said today by a close friend of the family.

Major Biddle and Mrs. Biddle, with Mrs. Adelaide E. Newlin, of Haverford, Young Mr. Biddle's fiancée, have been in Washington almost constantly since the operation. Mrs. J. Caverly Newlin, mother of Miss Newlin, said that they hold no fear now for Mr. Biddle's safety.

Mr. Biddle, who is twenty-two years old, enlisted as a private in the marine corps. He was promoted to corporal. It was during target practice at Paris Island, S. C., that he first experienced trouble with his eyes. He has been under the care of specialists for a year. He is a brother of Major Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., of the marine corps, and Mrs. Andrew B. Duke, formerly Miss Cordelia Biddle.

"DEATH TRUCK" AND CROSSING WATCHMAN



AMERICAN LINER AFIRE; PLOT SEEN

Philadelphia, Damaged in English Port, Like Sister Ship, New York

SAILING DATE IS CANCELED

By the Associated Press
Southampton, March 27.—Two fires on the American liner Philadelphia damaged the vessel so badly today that her sailing was abandoned pending extensive repairs.

In view of similar fires on her sister ship, the steamer New York, here recently, the manager of the line believes the cause of the Philadelphia fire is the same as that of the New York. He has offered a reward of 250 pounds sterling for the apprehension of the guilty persons.

At 1 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the crew's quarters, but it was extinguished by the crew without great damage. At 7 o'clock a more serious blaze broke out under the second-class saloon, necessitating a call on the local fire brigade. The fire was brought under control after it had burned three hours.

Suspicion of extensive plots grows stronger as the number of "accidents" allied shipping increases. About a week ago the Imperator, completing its first trip under the British flag, reached Southampton with water pouring into its staterooms and several seamen killed as a result of a dangerous list of forty-five degrees.

For three days the big liner, which was originally German and later American, was virtually helpless at sea. Some of the passengers said they had received mysterious advance warnings not to sail on the ship.

HAVE NO CAMPAIGN, NO 'BARREL,' SAYS HOOVER

Former Food Chief Again Declares He Is Not a Candidate for Presidency

Washington, March 27.—(By A. P.)—J. Edgar Hoover replied today to the inquiry as to campaign expenditures addressed to presidential possibilities by Labor, the railroad union's weekly, by saying that "as I have no campaign, I have no finance." He reiterated his statement of March 8 that he was not a candidate for the nomination to the presidency and was not seeking public office.

"A number of clubs have sprung up along me the honor of advocating my nomination," said Mr. Hoover in his letter. "I have no knowledge of any letter-circles which are probably very small. I have no doubt that they would be open for inspection to keep their books open for public scrutiny. As a citizen I advocate the accomplishment of full publicity and proper restrictions on campaign expenditures."

WALTON AMENDED WILL

Coddill Indicates Controller May Have Expected Death

A codicil to his will was made by Controller John M. Walton two days before his death. This was learned yesterday during an examination of his effects.

Friends of the controller believe he had a premonition of death and desired to make a bequest he had forgotten to do. During an examination of various papers at the controller's office it was learned that there was \$1,000,000 in government bonds in the vault of a trust company near City Hall. The bonds were bought by the city last fall, but it was found that they were unregistered and were placed with the trust company as a precaution against theft.

FIREMEN LEAP FOR LIFE IN BLAZE AS LADDER FALLS

Flames Threaten to Destroy Two Buildings at Marshall and Noble Streets

ENGINEMEN HAMPERED BY FUMES FROM ACIDS

Exposed Electric Light Wire Believed to Have Started Trouble

Fire which was discovered in a building of the General Electric Co.'s plant, Marshall and Noble streets, at 12:25 o'clock this afternoon, threatened to destroy the building and the large adjoining structure of the company.

The damage was estimated at \$50,000. Two firemen were injured. One suffered a broken leg when a thirty-foot ladder fell against the building, slipped and fell to the ground.

Five firemen were on the ladder. They jumped and all escaped but Wenzel Pfler, twenty-two years old, 2005 North Fourth street, who was pinned beneath the heavy ladder. He was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital.

A hoseman, Oscar Tibbitts, of Engine Co. No. 28, received a stream into the face while directing a stream into the blaze. He was treated by an ambulance surgeon and returned to his post.

Members of Truck Co. No. 1 made a breach in the wall so that hose lines could be placed in action at the heart of the fire.

The building in which the fire had its origin is a three-story brick warehouse just taken over by the company. It adjoins the main plant of the concern, a six-story structure fronting on Marshall street. The smaller building fronts on Noble street.

A. A. Hight, captain of the company's baseball team, was presiding over a baseball meeting on the sixth floor of the main building when he looked out the window and saw flames in the smaller structure. He sounded an alarm.

When the firemen arrived flames were spouting from windows on all three floors of the structure. Two additional alarm bells were rung, calling all engines in the central section of the city.

The work of the firemen was hampered greatly by the smoke filling the building and hanging over the neighborhood. Batteries, acids and other electrical apparatus were blazed for the smoke.

The fire is believed to have originated from an exposed electric light wire. Workmen were employed repairing wires in the building all morning. They quit work at noon and at 12:30, when the alarm was discovered, the building was deserted.

It is believed an exposed wire set fire to a joint, and with no one to discover it in its infancy it spread rapidly through the old building, which formerly was a match factory and was extremely inflammable.

The fire began on the first floor. Its spread through the building was rapid because of the storage there of the acids, papers, pasteboard boxes and other material used by the company.

The firemen were hampered about the blaze. Trolley lines on Franklin, Sixth and Callowhill streets were blocked while the fire raged.

The main building kept at their work after the fire was discovered.

BALMY PALM SUNDAY
Breezes and Azure Skies Predicted for Tomorrow

Palm Sunday tomorrow will be seasonably warm, with balmy spring breezes and azure skies, the weather men say.

Today was cooler than yesterday, after Wednesday temperatures will average above normal for the remainder of the week.

TAKE WINE MAN OFF ISLE

Federal Agents Accused of Kidnaping on British Soil

Miami, Fla., March 27.—(By A. P.)—Charles O'Connor, secretary of the Bimini Bay Rod and Gun Club, announced today that the club would seek the prosecution of Merwin S. Hobst, federal agent, and his three assistants, as a result of the removal of Charles Vincenti, a Baltimore wine merchant, from the island in the Bahamas which the club leases from the British Government.

One of the charges to be lodged against the government agents will be that of kidnaping a peaceful citizen on British soil.

Vincenti is alleged to have been the head of a scheme to divert thousands of dollars worth of whisky from export for domestic sale. According to O'Connor, Hobst and his assistants went to Bimini island in a boat last Thursday and forcibly removed Vincenti to this place, where he was arrested by John S. Vincenti.

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Following a conference today with City Solicitor Smyth and Director of Transit Twining, changes in the plans for trolley extensions in the northern section of the city were announced.

The original ordinance, which projected a new line along the Roosevelt boulevard and thence on Courtland street to Wayne Junction, will be amended.

The amendment proposes that trolleys from the Sears-Roebuck plant will turn south on Old York road from the Roosevelt boulevard, using the present tracks, and at Hunting Park avenue, will swing west to connect with Allegheny avenue cars at Twenty-ninth street. This will necessitate the construction of an extension between Twenty-second and Twenty-ninth streets on Hunting Park avenue.

HAVANA RESULTS
FIRST RACE, 50 furlongs, three-year-olds and up, purse \$500.
Weymouth Girl, 161.
Mansana, 160.
Javelin, 159.
Second race, 100 furlongs, three-year-olds and up, purse \$500.
Prize Money, 108.
Wagon, 107.
Third race, 100 furlongs, three-year-olds and up, purse \$500.
Prize Money, 108.
Wagon, 107.
Fourth race, 100 furlongs, three-year-olds and up, purse \$500.
Prize Money, 108.
Wagon, 107.
Fifth race, 100 furlongs, three-year-olds and up, purse \$500.
Prize Money, 108.
Wagon, 107.

Final Market Quotations on Street Daily at 3 P. M.
As a result of the New York Stock Exchange's decision to open at 9 o'clock, standard time, and to close at 2 o'clock, standard time, closing market prices will appear in the Night Extra edition of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, which will be on sale daily at 3 o'clock.

A table showing the opening transactions, and covering the first three-quarters of an hour of the market's operations, will be printed each day in the Extra edition.

IRISH BAKER SHOT AT DOOR OF HOME

THURLES, County Tipperary, Ireland, March 27.—James McCarthy, a youthful baker, was called to the door of his home early this morning and shot down. The victim recently received a warning that he would be attacked.

U. S. JUDGE DISMISSES 275 BEER SUIT

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 27.—Injunction applications of five local breweries to restrain government officials from enforcing constitutional prohibition as to the manufacture and sale of beer of 2.75 percent alcoholic contents were dismissed by Federal Judge Faris here today on motion of the government. The ground was that similar legislation is pending in the United States Supreme Court.

DAYLIGHT SAVING OPTIONAL ON CAPITOL HILL

HARRISBURG, March 27.—Daylight saving hours in various departments of the state government will be a matter for the men in charge of the regulations, according to people at Capitol Hill. The state will follow the federal law owing to legislative acts, but there is nothing to prevent any or all of the departments from starting to work an hour earlier with a correspondingly earlier stopping time.

MRS. HURD NORTH AND SOUTH CHAMP

Defeats Mrs. Price for Title in Quaker Captain Takes Title by Decision Over Garber in Final Match

By SANDY McNBILICK
Pinehurst, N. C., March 27.—Mrs. J. V. (Dorothy) Campbell Hurd, Pittsburgh, won the women's golf championship of the North and South here today from Mrs. J. Raymond Price, a fellow-townswoman, by 5 up and 4 to play.

Mrs. Hurd had a 42 going out in the first round. Her opponent was Mrs. Price, a 46. Ideal summer wear brought hundreds of fans out to follow the match. White flannels mingled with resonant sweaters and bright costumes of the feminine contingent, making long columns for the two former North and South champions to drive through.

Mrs. Price seemed to have lost a perfect golf which gave her a win yesterday over Miss Elaine Rosenthal in the semi-final and Mrs. W. A. Gaven, Mrs. Price's only other hole she took in the first round. She was away around the greens and had a tendency to concede everything, which may or may not be wise. She outrove Mrs. Hurd, at the first round. She was away around the greens and had a tendency to concede everything, which may or may not be wise. She outrove Mrs. Hurd, at the first round.

The cards:
Mrs. Hurd 5 6 4 4 5 4 6 4 3-42
Mrs. Price 5 5 6 6 5 6 4 4-46
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The first fall of the day was made by Captain Frank Mills of State, over Simmonds of Yale. In the 145-pound class, Mills threw his rival with a chancery hold in seven minutes and 47 seconds.

Another victory went to Sift in the 125-pound class and the Center county collegians went out in front by a wide margin in the team scoring. In the 125-pound division, Detar won on a decision from Conroy of Cornell.

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3 AUTOS AND CAR IN CRASH
One Injured in Collision Near 16th and Columbia

A motortruck and two automobiles were damaged and William Ervin, thirty-five years old, of 1526 North Broad street, was injured in a collision with a trolley car on Sixteenth street near Columbia avenue, this afternoon.

The truck, owned by the Atlantic Refining Co., was driven by Richard Watson, of Nineteenth and Bainbridge streets. According to the police, he tried to run the truck in front of a trolley car, which was going north on Sixteenth street.

The trolley struck the motortruck, hurling it against Ervin's auto. Ervin was thrown to the street, and his car crashed into another auto, owned by E. W. King, of 1034 North Sixteenth street. Ervin was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, suffering from lacerations and shock. Watson was arrested.

WORKMEN'S ARMY REGAINS GROUND IN NEW RHINE PLUNGE

Recaptures Lippe Castle and Advances Mile After Temporary Defeat

RUHR LABOR COUNCILS BACK ARMISTICE PLAN

Important Portfolios Given to Socialists in Reorganization of Ministry

By the Associated Press
Berlin, March 27.—Formation of a new cabinet after the German Government secretary was announced today. The minister of labor is Herr Schlicke, a Socialist, as is the premier. The minister of economics is Herr Schmidt, also a Socialist.

Paris, March 27.—(By A. P.)—A dispatch from Wesel, the Rhine fortress where the German Government troops have been besieged, showed that the workmen's forces attacking the ground about the fortress which they lost Thursday. As a result of an hour's hard shelling and machine gun work they recaptured Lippe Castle, advanced more than a mile from the south.

Observers at the front, the dispatch says, generally credit the government forces with sufficient strength to hold Wesel against the attackers.

The counter-attack on Wesel apparently followed a victory of the Ebert troops, in which they temporarily raised the siege of the Rhine fortress. A dispatch from Wesel, dated yesterday and received prior to the 7:20 p. m. message, describing the earlier engagement, said:

Government troops made a sortie southward from the fortress, drove besieging workers' forces from their positions, and their retreating columns and raised the siege of Wesel on both the east and south sides.

Artillery operated by workers' forces dropped two shells into the city and then withdrew.

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"Discussions seem to have broken out among the German troops. The staff at Hagen resigned yesterday. There is also some trouble among the government forces, judging from constant references to 'wards' in calls for enlistment."

The Hague, March 27.—(By A. P.)—Under advice given by the central communist and independent Socialist leaders in Berlin the fighting in the Ruhr region is stopped, the labor councils in the Ruhr district have again approved an armistice with the government troops and are endeavoring to persuade the militant laborers to cease hostilities.

At the same time the rebels appear to have penetrated some parts of Wesel, where it is claimed in an official communication issued by the revolutionary headquarters at Essen, the government troops are still holding the line of forts, which the attackers desire to take before they return to an armistice.

While the workmen's army has Wesel partly surrounded, the defenders are capable of stiff resistance as yet. The anti-government army, a Munster dispatch says, has swung around the town to the north, attacking from that quarter.

Falkenberg, Saxony, March 27.—(By A. P.)—Workers have taken over control in towns and cities of Lower Saxony, but there is an impression their assembly will be first lived.

Government troops have entered Gotha to round up leaders of workers and search for arms. At Jena the workers organized a guard. At Gotha troops were demobilized but students put up a fight, resulting in seven being killed and forty wounded.

Chemnitz, Saxony, March 27.—(By A. P.)—Communists are firmly entrenched in control here and prepared to resist attacks by government troops which may be sent against the city.

PIERCE SUCCEEDS DANIEL

Veteran Investigator Appointed Division Justice Chief

H. P. Pierce, now chief assistant in the office of the first assistant attorney general has been appointed division superintendent here of the department of justice to succeed Todd Daniel who resigned.

Mr. Pierce is to take charge of the office next Monday, the local office of the department bureau of investigation was informed this morning.

The new division superintendent, whose headquarters will be in the Federal Building, this city, is a veteran investigator of the Department of Justice. It was said he was selected because of his long experience and demonstrated ability and entirely without regard for political consideration. He is a lawyer, as is Mr. Daniel, whom he succeeds.

Pierce is said to be one of the "star" men in the alien property custodian organization who uncovered the German ownership of millions of dollars' worth of property in the United States when this country entered the war and many plots by Germans to obstruct America's war program.

FIRE NEAR FORT MIFFLIN

Meadow Flames Menace Station, Hog Island Men Fight Blaze

Fire swept the meadows above Fort Mifflin this morning, and as it drew near to the fort a call was sent in to the fire department at Hog Island.

The Hog Island firemen fought the shifting blaze for more than an hour. It was extinguished at noon.

ENGINEER SAYS SON LOST ARM THROUGH NEGLIGENCE OF INSTRUCTOR

James Cresson, of Norristown, a civil engineer, has sued Willard S. Campbell, instructor of English in the West Philadelphia High School, for \$20,000 damages as a sequel to the injury of his son at the Campbell home.

Mr. Cresson alleges that the boy, James Cresson, Jr., six years old, lost his right arm through negligence of Mr. Campbell in allowing a loaded gun to stand within reach of children in the home.

He states that Robert Campbell, a son of the engineer, found the gun while the two boys were playing in the Campbell home and accidentally shot the Cresson boy in the arm, necessitating amputation below the elbow.

Mr. Cresson claims \$10,000 damages for the boy and \$10,000 for himself.

GERSON, OF PENN., LIFTS MAT CROWN

Wins on Aggressiveness

Captain Gerson, the leader of the Penn wrestling team, started things in the right way for the Red and Blue when he won the intercollegiate mat championship in the 125-pound class in the first bout of the finals at Weightman Hall this afternoon.

The Quaker pilot defeated Garber, Penn State, on a decision after fifteen minutes of grappling.

Both grapplers were on their feet most of the time, feeling for openings. Gerson had his State rival on the defensive throughout the entire bout and as awarded the decision on aggressiveness.

The victory of the Penn captain gives our more points to the Quaker total. Only one point was scored in the preliminaries by the Red and Blue yesterday.

A large crowd of students and wrestling enthusiasts watched the matches, some to a thousand persons were within the hall.

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EXCITING CHASE AFTER SUIT

Man Captured After Alleged Theft of Spring Outfit

Speaking of following suit—Sylvester Ray, twenty-five years old, of Chicago, went into a clothing shop at 1425 Chestnut street early this afternoon to select a spring suit and found something he liked for \$80. He deposited \$1, and saying that he would be back with the rest of the price, retired to a dressing room to change into his own clothes. As he walked out of the store C. L. Leonard, a salesman, noticed that Ray's figure had broadened considerably and told him to wait a minute. The negro ran out of the store and Leonard followed him, making the best speed he could. The police say a new \$80 suit was stuffed in his trousers.

Police and the afternoon crowd joined in the chase started by the salesman. At Fifteenth street, the policeman, Ray decided to let go and ran and threw the stolen suit into a puddle in the street. In spite of the additional speed thus gained, he was caught by Reserve Patrolman Harrison at Fifteenth and Raunstead streets.

He will be given a hearing in the Night Court.

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